



East Portland Action Plan

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

September 27, 2017

RE: Support for the Affordable Housing Bond Framework Plan and quick implementation

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz, and Saltzman:

We are extremely pleased to see that the policy that will govern spending under 2016's Affordable Housing Bond is now finally moving toward implementation.

As you know, East Portland is experiencing an unprecedented wave of housing insecurity and displacement, and we see these and other new public investments as an urgently needed response to this emergency from the City of Portland.

The East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) was convened in 2009 by the City of Portland, Multnomah County and U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley to provide leadership and guidance to public agencies and other entities on how to strategically address community-identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability and prevent displacement in East Portland.

Preventing housing displacement is a core value of the East Portland Action Plan. EPAP's community-generated goals, which were approved by the City Council, include mandates to work to "[i]mprove the appearance, quality and safety of existing housing stock," (EPAP Goal HD.2), "encourage housing that is attractive to households with a range of incomes" (EPAP Goal HD.5.6), "assist in stabilizing low income" [community]

(EPAP Goal SN.1) and to “[f]oster an equitable distribution of public resources for East Portland.” (EPAP Goal EQ.1)

We are glad that both the voters and the leadership of our city appreciate the urgent need to deploy these new funds quickly, and we look forward to seeing a demonstrable impact to East Portland within the next two years from this historic commitment of new public resources for housing.

Best Wishes,



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